

July 2008



### Special thanks

This has been another busy and successful term. There are so many people who work to make this school outstanding and I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard for the children. Particular thanks go to all the staff who do so much more than their job descriptions, the parents who help in school in so many different ways; Mrs Ogwo who keeps the library so tidy and maintains the science garden with Mrs Good, the form reps who organise help in class and at school functions, the parents who change home readers and library books and everyone else gives their time.

The PTA co-chairs, Lucinda Baker, Juliette Ewbank, Sarah Jenkins and Fenn Lumsden, have done an amazing job this year and a huge amount of money has been raised. Particular thanks go to Fenn and Lucinda who at times must have felt that they were living in school! Recently we have been able to purchase a new media system for the hall and special steps and storage for reception and year one to help them access their interactive whiteboards. Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA events. I would like to specially thank Mrs Hughes who took all the photos for the calendar - it is brilliant!

### Ofsted

Following the inspection in June we had a denominational inspection at the beginning of July. The National Society inspects all Church of England Schools as part of the Ofsted process and we were delighted that the inspector found us to be an 'outstanding' Church of England School. The report is attached for you to read.

The staff and governors are obviously delighted with the recent reports but, as the first inspector said to me, "outstanding is not perfect" and we know there are plenty of ways that we can build on our good practice for the benefit of the children. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to get us to this point. Parent input and feedback helps us move forward and we will continue to have Forum meetings, the first next term is in the evening at 7pm 25<sup>th</sup> September before the PTA AGM at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to attend both meetings and you will be able to meet the Governors at the Forum meeting.

### Staffing news

In September we will be welcoming four new members of the staff to the team. Miss Ross will teach in Ladybirds, covering Mrs Jones' maternity leave. Mrs Collinson will be working part time in school and will be teaching in Honeybees on Fridays. Mrs Smith joins the staff as Grasshoppers' teaching assistant and our senior midday supervisor and Miss Mullen will be joining Butterflies as their full-time teaching assistant.

### Goodbyes

As well as saying farewell to Mrs Findlay, Miss Nesbitt, Miss Ritchie and Mrs Williams, we are also saying goodbye to Hannah McHardie, Nye Jones and Benji Butler, who are all moving away from the area or in Benji's case the country! We wish them all well in their new schools. All our year two children are moving on and would like to invite you to their **Leavers Service at 2pm in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Very quiet siblings are welcome. All children to be collected from church by 2.45 pm.

### Website

Thanks to the hard work of Mike Coveney and Steve Masters our new look website has been launched. It is still found at [www.reigate-parish.org.uk](http://www.reigate-parish.org.uk). Not all areas are populated yet but we are determined to keep it up to date so that it will be a useful reference for current parents as well as those thinking about choosing the school.

### Emails

We have been running a very successful email trial with Ladybirds to cut down on the amount of paper we send out. In the autumn we will be approaching all parents so that every class can be emailed with information whenever practical. Parents not wishing to participate will still receive paper copies. We hope it will prevent lost letters and save a few trees!

## Milk and fruit in September

The NHS fruit and vegetable scheme will continue in September but the first delivery will not be in time for the 4<sup>th</sup> so please send a piece of fruit in with your child if you wish to on the first day.

If you wish your child to have milk then please sign up or renew your order on the Cool Milk website [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) our school code is 6768.

### Dates:

<b>Autumn Term 2008</b>	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET day - children not in
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school starting at 8.55 am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr 2 to Brighton Sealife Centre
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00 pm Parents' Forum and 8.00 pm PTA AGM
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Prayer Group 9.00 am - 9.25 am in school
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	PTA Music Quiz
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Yr 1 to Brighton Toy and Model Museum
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term

### Celebration assembly:

<p><b>Caterpillars</b>            Charlie Lebby            Thomas Pegley            Chi Ogwo            James Craske            Oliver Pearce            Arusha Ewbank            Jason Ford            Hannah Lovibond            Elle Cowan            Jemima Clarke            Hope Cowan            Eleanor Howarth            Keela McCullen            Ella George</p> <p><b>Butterflies</b>            Finn Trevor            Edward Hookway            Elizabeth Coveney            Jed Davis            Millie Hitchcock            Tom Glover            Georgia Knight            Poppy Oliver            Miles Fisher            Jed Davis</p>	<p><b>Grasshoppers</b>            Harry Lown            Josie Patterson            Oliver Ross            Alistair Reid            Louis Marshall            Emilia Ashby            Ben Lacey            Phoebe Baker            Tyrone Boshia            Susannah Spanton            Maisie Hughes            Cornelia Hayden            Kitty Leonard            Alex Poort</p> <p><b>Honeybees</b>            Toby Bishop            Megan Stracey            Serina Cliff-Patel            Charlotte England            Lily Ephgrave            Michael Wield            Oliver Fisher            Charlie Woodman            Lily Gold            Sam Archer            Harriet Craske            Fionn McNevin            Georgie Pearce            Lottie Stevens</p>	<p><b>Ladybirds</b>            Freya Biggs            Neo Ristov-Pardon            Stella Gold            Jack Ives            Zoe-Sian McDermott            Jack Stracey            Alicia Courtney-Walker            Abbie Williams            Anabel Morgan            Joshua aka-Bashorun            Jessica Cooke            Alistair Morris</p> <p><b>Dragonflies</b>            Mia Robertson            George Morgan            Kendall Jowers            Thomas Ives            Evie Russell            Callum Bradshaw            Megan Walker            Ben Parry            Sam Bradley            Katriona Brown            Peter Waterton            Jules Crone            Matthew Young            Erin Longwell            Carys Edwards</p>
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